



Memorandum

To: Honorable Maso and Members of the Frisco City Council

cc: George Purefoy, City Manager
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Date: June 15, 2010

Subject: Consider and act upon adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Project Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of Frisco and the Texas Department of Transportation for median landscaping and irrigation of Eldorado Parkway from FM 423 to Dallas North Tollway.

Action Requested: Staff requests that City Council consider and act upon adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Project Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of Frisco and the Texas Department of Transportation for median landscaping and irrigation of Eldorado Parkway from FM 423 to Dallas North Tollway.

Background Information: In November 2009, the City initiated the design process for improvements to Eldorado Parkway from FM 423 to DNT. The planned improvements included sidewalks; street lighting; and landscaping and irrigation of the roadway median. The total estimated cost of these improvements was \$2.5 million.

The improvements were divided into three separate projects.

- Sidewalk Improvements - Bids were opened on the sidewalk improvements on May 20th and the contract was awarded by City Council on June 1st.
- Street Lighting – Design is complete and bids will be opened on July 8th.
- Median landscaping and Irrigation – Expected to be bid by TxDOT in September

In January 2010, an application was submitted to TxDOT for the funding of landscaping and irrigation of the median of Eldorado Parkway from FM 423 to Dallas North Tollway. Funds from the TxDOT Green Ribbon Project are intended to enhance the appearance of public highways through the planting of trees and shrubs and needed irrigation systems. Because this portion of Eldorado Parkway (FM 2934) is a state maintained roadway, a portion of the City's proposed landscaping improvements in the median would be eligible for funding. TxDOT will advertise the project for bids and administer the construction of the median improvements which is expected to begin in late 2010.

The estimated cost of the landscaping and irrigation of the Eldorado Parkway median is \$430,000. TxDOT will fund the cost of landscaping and irrigation of the trees and shrubs. The City is responsible for the cost of irrigation of turf areas in the median, estimated to be \$71,952. The City's final cost will be based on the actual bids and adjusted at the completion of construction.

Alternatives: The City Council could consider the following alternatives:

- Approval of the Resolution
- Send back to staff with direction

Financial Considerations: The Agreement will require the City to contribute \$71,952 from 2008 General Obligation Bonds. The remaining \$358,048 of the project funds will be provided by TxDOT.

Legal Review: The Agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Supporting Documents:

- Location Map
- Copy of Resolution
- Copy of Agreement

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.